

COUNTRY SWEEPED BARE BY PASSING ARMIES

Correspondent Returned From Front Tells of Desolation Wrought by Waves of Troops.

WEALTHY BEG FOR FOOD

Position of Jews Pitiable, as Many Towns Are Closed to Them, Although 800,000 of Their Brethren Fight for Czar.

Correspondent of The Associated Press. LONDON, October 29.—A correspondent returned from the scene of the operations about the fortress of Ossetz, and the watering place of Druskieniki, reports that the ravages made by waves of troops, both Russian and German across this region, chiefly inhabited by Jews in the villages and Poles and Lithuanians in the rural districts, have, for a distance of 100 miles, swept the country bare of any sign of crops.

Trenches, pits, dugouts, embankments and mounds are everywhere. Scattered over the fields are remains of property of every description. Barely can a sound tree be found, practically all bearing the signs of shrapnel and other shell fire. Houses and huts are in various states of ruin and the fields littered with the wreck of transport trains, wagons, harness and remnants of battle-dress, and the country side reminds one of a Kansas district ravaged by a cyclone.

It is no uncommon sight to see a man, owning 100 acres of fertile soil, begging for food. Kovno, which in normal times has a population of 30,000, now shelters 60,000, 70 per cent of whom are Jews, and 90 per cent of them are old people and children. The position of the Jews is all the more pitiful, for, under Russian law, all of the governments east and north of the governments of Vilna and Warsaw are closed to them, notwithstanding the fact that 800,000 of their brethren are fighting in the Russian army, twenty-six of whom up to the present date have been decorated with the St. George's Cross, the equivalent of the Victoria Cross in the English services.

FUND BEING RAISED FOR INDIAN FORCES
Earl Roberts is raising a fund which will be devoted exclusively to the use of the Indian forces in the present war. Already he has received £25,000, and within two weeks he hopes to have enough money to equip a special hospital in the south of England for the care of the sick and wounded Indian soldiers.

The fund will also be used to provide warm clothing, especially suited to the Indian troops. Rations of the English army are wholly unlike the customary diet of the Indians, and special dishes will be provided for them out of the fund. Indians are especially fond of sugar, spices and all sorts of sweets.

Princess Mary and her advisers are making special preparations to send the Indians Christmas gifts, which will be especially taken to them. It is likely the gifts will take the form of boxes of candles and other sweetmeats particularly relished by the men from the Far East.

PURCHASED BY ENGLAND AT OUTBREAK OF WAR
The three British monitors, Severn, Trent and Mersey, which were purchased by the British government from the Germans on the Belgian coast, were originally intended for river work, and are peculiarly adapted for river work, and are particularly adapted for river work, and are particularly adapted for river work.

EATE OF EMPRESS CHARLOTTE CAUSE FOR SPECULATION
ROME, November 7.—Much speculation is being given to what will be the probable fate of the Empress Charlotte, aunt of King Albert of Belgium, who has been living in the castle of Bouillon, not very far from Brussels. It will be remembered that after the death of her husband, the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, the unfortunate woman lost her reason, and returned to her native country to spend the rest of her days.

PRIDE IN HIS PLUME BRINGS SPEEDY DEATH
PARIS, November 7.—Like Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac, Lieutenant de Payolle, who fell at Charleroi, fighting heroically at the head of his men, would not abate a feather of his "panache." His regiment entered into action on August 22.

In accordance with the vow which, with his young comrades, he had taken on leaving the military school of St. Cyr a few months before, the young lieutenant put on white gloves to receive his baptism of fire. When his section was given orders to charge with the bayonet, De Payolle drew out from his haversack the white and blue plume which he wore on his shako on parade days at St. Cyr, thrust it into his campaigning cap, and crying "Forward!" advanced at the head of his men.

The white and blue plume made him, of course, a mark for the enemy's sharpshooters.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

ASHLAND, VA., November 7.—Many delightful affairs have been given recently at the Henry Clay Inn. On Tuesday evening the Kappa Sigma fraternity of Randolph-Macon held a banquet, and on Friday night an informal hop was given. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Richmond. The dancers were Misses Dorothy Cullen, Martha Chambers, Lucy Tompkins, Margaret Moore, Elizabeth Kelly, Rose Harman, Constance Redd, of Richmond; Mary Wooten, of Savannah, Ga.; Virginia Potts, Kitty Kent, Anne Hunter, Julia Weisiger, Elise Cardwell, Virginia Marshall, Mildred Hart, Conle Bridges, Augusta Nixon, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Bishop; Messrs. Campbell Tucker, George Rice, Gordon Hammond, Webb, Midyette, Collins, Struthers, Christian, Cox, Hall, Cy Beale, Hunnicutt, Bishop, Vaughan and Wingfield, of Richmond. The chaperons were Madam Cullen of Richmond; M. D. Hart, James D. Hunter and C. E. Potts.

LACK OF PREPARATION BITTERLY CRITICIZED

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MANY DEATHS ARE RESULTING

Complaints Regarding England's Training Camps Recall Accusation of Criminal Neglect Made in America During Spanish-American War.

Correspondent of The Associated Press. LONDON, October 29.—Charges that men and boys in England's training camps are not receiving humane treatment, and that many deaths are resulting from bad feeding and poor shelter, are causing great indignation. The complaints recall charges of criminal neglect that were made against military authorities responsible for conditions at mobilization centres in the United States during the Spanish-American War.

Some of the charges against the British War Office have been put into specific form. A letter, written by E. H. Bailey, of Leamington Spa, whose son enlisted from Oxford on September 19, and died from pneumonia on the training grounds on Salisbury Plains, has been made public. From it is taken the following story:

In the course of his training, the young recruit wrote to his father on October 2, he said:

"We, of course, are stiff, and suffer from bad feet, but we should not mind these discomforts if they would only feed us properly. To-day the food was slightly better, but it was not cooked. None of us has had a square meal since we left home—or a cup of tea. What they call tea is colored water doled with salt. The clothes they have given us are rotten, and tear at the slightest strain. All the buttons hang on by a thread or two. This afternoon about 100 of the 800 that were drilling had their trousers split from end to end."

The following day he wrote on a postcard:

"Am still living; feeling damp at night. No board floors in the tents yet."

The last letter, on October 5, stated: "Regarding the food problem, the same thing has happened again. The camp grumble, and so would any one if they had five hours' drill and no food. I hope to come home for Christmas, but please have plenty of food. No further letters came, but on October 10 Mr. Bailey received word to visit his son in a military hospital at Bristol. He was fortunate enough to arrive some hours before death occurred. The boy was full of gratitude for the kindness of the hospital staff, but bitterly condemned the lack of preparation for the men, the camp tents and scanty and badly-cooked food supply.

This is but one of a number of deaths in the training camps, and the proper feeding and housing of the men is proceeding all too slowly, according to critics, in view of the coming of winter.

PACIFIC LINER FIRED ON BY GERMAN LINER

The Pacific liner Ortega which arrived in Liverpool October 20 from Valparaiso was fired on by a German cruiser, probably the Leipzig, on September 19. When the Ortega discovered she was being chased she made for Cape George at something over her trial trip speed. They found themselves in an uncharted lagoon, which was really a roundabout entrance to the Straits of Magellan. It was decided to navigate this unknown waterway, and a small boat was sent ahead to take soundings. After much difficulty the known but unfrequented waterway of Smyths Channel was reached. On arriving at Punta Arenas they discovered that a wireless message had been received from the German ship, which had remained outside the channel, saying the Ortega had been sunk with all on board. On reaching the Atlantic further excitement was in store, as H. M. S. Glasgow and Monmouth both chased the steamer until she was recognized as British.

North of the Equator a Russian bark hailed the steamer to correct her chronometers, and was surprised to hear of the war. The bark had been at sea some four months.

NO REPORT AT CALLAO OF NAVAL BATTLE

CALLAO, PERU, November 7.—Nothing is known here concerning a naval battle off the coast of Peru. Inquiry made at coast towns brought replies that no report of an engagement had reached them.

Since John Quit Drinking

By John's Wife



I'm the happiest little woman. In all this little town; And my merry laugh and singing, Take the place of sigh and frowns. For JOHN HAS QUIT HIS DRINKING. And he's himself once more. And the world is just a paradise With such happiness in store!

One day I read some verses— "Mary's Miracle," the name. And I said, that's John exactly. And I'll send him the same. So I sent for GOLDEN REMEDY. (As silly as any could be) And I put it in his tea. And it didn't taste a little bit. Had no odor, you see. It was smoothest kind of sailing For little Doctor Me. And I watched and waited, (And cried some, too, I guess), And I didn't have the greatest faith, I'm ashamed now to confess. And John never thought a minute, He was being cured of drink. And soon he's as well as any one. It makes me cry to think! Just makes me cry for gladness, I'm so proud to be his wife. Since he's cured of drinking. And leads a nice, new life.

"Since John he's quite a drinker!" I can't say it times enough. And hates and loathes a liquor glass. And he would a poison snore. And when I say my prayers at night I thank God as can be. I pray for John the more of all— Then GOLDEN REMEDY.

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Czar of Russia Off to Front



Grand Duke Nicholas - The Czar. This interesting photograph shows the Czar of Russia and Grand Duke Nicholas, the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies.

FRENCH PRISONER SEES KAISER AT FRONT

BOULOGNE, November 7.—A French artillery lieutenant, who was made a prisoner by the Germans at the commencement of the battle of Nancy, was questioned as to the French position, and, refusing to give the smallest piece of information, he was threatened with death. He was given time to reflect, and told that, should he again refuse, he would be shot. He was placed in a tent under guard, but the soldiers were allowed to see him. He was insulted and even struck.

One officer, however, approached him, and handing him a pair of field glasses, said: "Look! I will show you a grand sight. You shall be the first Frenchman to see the Kaiser since the opening of the war!"

The prisoner took the glasses, and on a hill in the distance he saw a force of German cavalry, ranked as if on parade. Many high officers were present.

"Now," said the German officer, "look a little to the right." The Frenchman obeyed, and saw, seated on a kind of throne, quite isolated from the rest, a man gazing intently ahead.

"That's he!" said the German officer. "Now," he continued, "you can, if you wish, stay here and watch us enter Nancy."

But the Germans did not enter Nancy. Later on, the prisoner was a free man, and still a possessor of the German's glasses, saw a brilliant charge of the French. Turning again to the right, he saw no solitary person seated on a throne.



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MANY CURIOUS CLAIMS TO U. S. CITIZENSHIP

None More Unusual Than a Moldy Oath of Allegiance Dated 1865.

SHOWN BY CHARLES ENGELS

Paroled by Union Forces in Alabama After Being Captured During Civil War—His Case Taken Up With State Department.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, October 28.—The American embassy here has examined many curious claims to American citizenship during the war, but none more unusual than a moldy oath of allegiance dated 1863. It was presented by Charles Engels, now a resident of London, but at the time of the taking of the oath a prisoner of war in the hands of the Federal forces in Alabama.

Engels went to America from Germany as a boy of eighteen, in 1855, and settled in Brooklyn, N. Y. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was in Alabama and joined the Confederate army there. One of the first Union forces penetrating that State captured Engels and promised to parole him if he would take the oath of allegiance to the United States. He did so, and returned to New York, subsequently coming to London, where he has been keeping a small shop in Bloomsbury.

At the outbreak of the war he claimed American citizenship, but the authorities compelled him to register as an alien enemy. Engels made no protest until the recent attacks on German shops caused him to fear the same fate for his establishment, and

he has now asked the embassy to decide whether or not he is entitled to the protection of American citizenship.

The embassy has been unable to find any precedent for Engels's case, and has submitted the question to the State Department at Washington for a ruling.

The oath reads as follows: "United States of America, State of Alabama, County of Jackson, I, Charles Engels, of the County of Kings and State of New York, do solemnly swear that I will bear allegiance to the United States, and support and sustain the Constitution and laws thereof; that I will maintain the national sov-

ereignty paramount to that of all State, county, or Confederate powers; that I will discountenance, discourage, and forever oppose secession, rebellion and disintegration of the Federal Union; that I disclaim and denounce all faith and fellowship with the so-called Confederate States and Confederate armies, and pledge my honor, my property and my life to the sacred performance of this, my solemn oath of allegiance to the government of the United States of America.

(Signed) "CHARLES ENGELS." "Subscribed and sworn to before me this 37th day of August, 1863." (Signed) DODDSON, ALVIN J. ZWILERS, "Lieutenant-Colonel and P. M. 1."

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